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15 February 1956

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

SUBJECT: Briefing of Perkin-Elmer Treasurer

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1. On 10 February 1956 a meeting was held in the Project Conference Room to discuss the forthcoming audit of the HYCOM Manufacturing Company, Pasadena, California. The audit of reference will be followed by the issuance of an annual financial statement to the HYCOM Board of Directors and stockholders, and [redacted] of Perkin-Elmer is planning to review this audit during the week 20 through 24 February 1956.

2. Persons attending this meeting were

[redacted] and the undersigned. This meeting was called for the purpose of familiarizing [redacted] with the duties, responsibilities, and procedures we wish him to carry out in connection with the NYCOM audit. He will, in effect, serve as our representative in the review of the NYCOM audit and will thus satisfy our interest in contracts let with the company through Perkin-Elmer.

[redacted] was alerted to various peculiar costs which may be otherwise disallowed were he not familiar with the associate activities of these costs. In addition to being made knowledgeable of the CIA interest in the current Perkin-Elmer contract, he was advised that a test site area exists in the western area of the United States for which certain travel costs are chargeable. In addition, he was informed of the aircraft crash which occurred on 17 November 1955 inasmuch as the project has authorized HYCON to claim expenses for transportation of remains and cost of family escort of remains and burial expenses. Further, he was alerted to the fact that Eastman Kodak is a contract contributor and that certain costs of transporting material to and from Rochester, New York, have been authorized.

3. During the briefing of [redacted] there was no discussion concerning equipment capabilities, the project mission, or participation of other contractors by name. He was advised of the security requirements established for this project and agreed to keep the information furnished him as a matter of personal confidence. The names of other Perkin-Elmer personnel knowledgeable of this activity were furnished him for his future guidance, and he was also given the names of other HYCON personnel who are likewise fully witting of our activity.

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4. It is the opinion of the undersigned that the briefing of  
[redacted] was absolutely necessary in view of his forthcoming  
visit to HYCON.

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Deputy Project Security Officer

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